

Councilwoman Bonner Joins Rocky Point Middle School Students Aboard Vanderbilt Museum Mobile Classroom

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Farmingville, NY - On May 18, Councilwoman Jane Bonner (back row, right) joined students from the Rocky Point Middle School to discover the universe on the Vanderbilt Museum's Mobile Classroom. The high-tech, 37 foot long customized recreational vehicle is designed to bring unique educational experiences beyond the Vanderbilt's Planetarium programs. Several stations in the Mobile Classroom offer hands-on interactive exhibits that engage visitors in different topics. While each station is a self-contained module, an underlying theme connects all of the Classroom's information and ideas. This unifying thread is an examination of how astronomers acquire knowledge about the Universe. Each module presents a different part of the process of obtaining information. The educational modules in the Classroom are Light, Telescopes, Digital Imaging, The 3-D Universe and Gravity.

"The Mobile Classroom program broadens the horizon for so many students who may not be able to visit the Planetarium," said Councilwoman Bonner. "I thank the Vanderbilt Museum for offering this wonderful opportunity so youngsters can get hands-on experience that is both educational and fun,"

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